

# **INFORMATION ABOUT LICENSING**

## **PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR QUALIFIED MANAGER**

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This packet contains information about obtaining a Private Investigator license and a Private Investigator Qualified Manager certificate, descriptions of required qualifications, and license application forms. It is the policy of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (Bureau) to provide equal licensing opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, creed, marital status or sexual orientation.

The Bureau licenses and regulates Private Investigators and Private Investigator Qualified Managers in California under the provisions of the:

- California Business and Professions Code 7512-7573
- California Code of Regulations (formerly California Administrative Code)  
Title 16, Division 7

No person may engage in the business of a Private Investigator in California without obtaining the proper license from this Bureau. Any person who operates without a license, unless exempted, or who represents himself or herself to be licensed and is not licensed, is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. Licensing laws and regulations are subject to change. Applicants are responsible for staying informed of legislative or regulatory changes which may affect the status of their application. If any such changes affect the status of an application after it has been filed with the Bureau, the applicant will be notified.

### **GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

Each person listed on the application (owner, partner, corporate officer, qualified manager) is required to meet certain general qualifications regarding fitness for licensure.

The person who will be in active charge of the business for a Private Investigator is referred to as the qualified manager or qualified certificate holder. Each company license must have one person designated as the qualified manager and that person must meet the general license qualifications as well as more specific qualifications regarding age, experience and examination. The qualified manager may be an owner, partner, corporate officer or any other person meeting the requirements for qualified manager.

### **DENIAL OF LICENSURE**

A criminal history check is made on all applicants through the completion of a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Live Scan. The director may deny a license if any person listed on the application as an owner, partner, corporate officer or qualified manager have done any of the following:

- Been convicted of a crime. Any conviction of any crime or plea of nolo contendere, even if the conviction was dismissed under Penal Code section 1203.4, must be disclosed on the application.
- Committed any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or herself, or injure another.
- Committed any act which, if done by a licensee of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license.
- Knowingly made a false statement of fact required to be revealed on the license application.
- Had a license which is under suspension.

- Been refused a license or had a license revoked, or been an owner, partner, corporate officer or qualified manager of any business that has been refused a license or had a license revoked by the Bureau.
- While unlicensed, committed, or aided and abetted the commission of, any act for which said license is required.

If a denial of licensure is based on a previous criminal act by the applicant, the crime or act must be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – QUALIFIED MANAGER**

The person who is designated as the qualified manager must meet these general requirements in addition to the experience requirement listed below:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Attain a passing score on the written examination.
- Have at least three years (2,000 hours each year) of compensated experience totaling not less than 6,000 hours in investigative work, including persons employed in the following capacities:
  1. Sworn law enforcement officers possessing powers to arrest and employed by agencies in the federal, state, or local government agencies.
  2. Military police of the United States armed forces or the National Guard.
  3. An insurance adjuster or their employees subject to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 14000) of Division 5 of the Insurance Code.
  4. Persons employed by a private investigator who is duly licensed in accordance with their chapter.
  5. Persons employed by collection agencies, and persons employed by repossessioners duly licensed in accordance with Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 7500), only to the extent that those persons are routinely and regularly engaged in the location of debtors or the location of personal property utilizing methods commonly known as “skip tracing.” Only that experience acquired while performing skip tracing duties shall be credited toward qualification to take the examination.
  6. Persons duly trained and certified as arson investigators and employed by a public agency engaged in fire suppression.
  7. Persons possessing an associate of arts degree in police science, criminal law or justice from an accredited college shall be credited with 1,000 hours of experience in investigative work.
  8. Persons possessing a law degree or proof of a four-year course in police science, criminal justice, or criminal law shall be required to have at least two years (4,000 hours) of experience in investigation work.

**The following activities will not be accepted as qualifying experience:**

1. Experience gained as an independent contractor.
2. The serving of legal process or other documents.
3. Activities relating to the search for heirs or similar searches which involve only a search of public records or other reference sources in the public domain.
4. The transportation or custodial attendance of persons in the physical custody of a law enforcement agency.
5. The provision of bailiff or other security services to a court of law.
6. The collection or attempted collection of debts by telephone or written solicitation after the debtor has been located.
7. The repossession or attempted repossession of personal property after that property has been located and identified.

**Note:** If an applicant has previously passed the examination for a Private Investigator Qualified Manager and/or currently holds a valid license, the applicant does not have to retake the exam.

**APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMEFRAME**

**The following items may affect the time required to issue a license:** incomplete application forms; incorrect or nonpayment of fees; passing the examination; the DOJ and FBI's response time on criminal history checks; and the time required to verify application information.

**All applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please allow a minimum of four weeks before contacting the Bureau about the status of an application.**

**FORMS REQUIRED FOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

The following is a description of each type of form that must be included with an application. All required forms must be completed and submitted to the Bureau with the appropriate fees before the application will be processed. If "fee required" appears by the form number, see the attached Private Investigator Schedule of Fees for the amount. The attached Private Investigator Applications Forms Checklist on page 7 also lists the forms required for a Private Investigator license. Please check the completed application package against this list before submitting it the Bureau.

**Application for License (Form 31B-4) (fee required)**

A separate Private Investigator Company application must be filed for each entity applying for a license. For example, to have a Private Investigator sole ownership in addition to having a partnership with someone else, two separate Private Investigator Company applications must be filed.

If the type of ownership/entity is changed after filing an application or after becoming licensed, a new application must be submitted with the appropriate fees. Licenses are not transferable or assignable to new entities, and a change in ownership constitutes a new entity, with a newly assigned Private Investigator Company license number.

**Note:** If applying for a Private Investigator Qualified Manager license only, there is no need to complete the Application for License (Form 31B-4).

**Business address:** A post office box or mailbox service may not be used as the address of record unless mail delivery to the physical location of the business is not possible or the principal place of business is located in the

applicant/licensee's personal residence. If a post office box or mailbox service is listed as the business address, the licensee should provide an explanation for doing so with the application and provide the actual physical location/address of the business in the accompanying explanation.

**Personal Identification Form (Form 31B-9) (no fee required)**

Each person listed on the Private Investigator Company Application for License as an owner, partner, corporate officer and/or qualified manager of the business must complete one of these forms and submit two passport quality photographs, taken with the past year. Any person who knowingly falsifies photographs required for licensure is guilty of a felony.

If the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime, it must be disclosed on this form along with an explanation of the circumstances. Conviction(s) dismissed under Penal Code section 1203.4 or a plea of nolo contendere must be disclosed.

**Qualifying Experience Form (Form 31B-8) (no fee required)**

This form must be completed for all persons applying for examination as a qualified manager for a Private Investigator Company. **All qualifying experience for the Qualified Manager must be certified on this form by someone other than the applicant.** A separate form is to be used by each person who is certifying experience and for each employer. All military qualifying experience must be supported by a copy of the applicant's DD-214 or Performance Evaluation Report. Additional support of experience may be required as requested by the Bureau. One year of experience is considered to be a minimum of 2,000 hours of compensated time in the required field. Applicants wishing to use education in lieu of practical experience must submit a copy of their college transcripts.

Only employers or their designated agent may certify the investigative experience obtained by the applicant. An employer who is a licensee shall respond in writing within 30 days to an applicant's written request for certification of work experience as an employee and either provide the certification or the reason for denial. If the licensee fails to respond to the applicant, the applicant must notify the Bureau in writing, under penalty of perjury, that the applicant is unable to obtain the required written response. After this procedure has been followed, the Bureau may require the licensee to submit all relevant employment records maintained regarding the applicant for evaluation in substantiating the applicant's employment experience.

**Request for Authorization of Business Name (Form 31B-12) (no fee required)**

Business may not be conducted under a fictitious or other business name unless written authorization is received from this Bureau.

The Bureau recommends that an applicant wait until the issuance of a Private Investigator Company license before incurring expenses related to the use of the name, e.g., stationery, business cards, advertising, telephone listings, etc. for the Private Investigator Company. **Approval of a corporate name by the Secretary of State does not mean the name will be automatically approved as a business name by the Bureau.**

The Request for Authorization of Business Name form will not be processed before receipt of an application and fees. List business names to be considered in order of preference. Name approval or disapproval is not available by telephone. Applicants who have already passed the required examination will be notified of name approval or disapproval after review and acceptance of the application. New applicants will be advised of name approval or disapproval with notification of passing the written examination.

**Note:** If applying for a Private Investigator Qualified Manager license only, there is no need to complete the Request for Authorization of Business Name (Form 31B-12).

**Branch Office Registration Application (Form 31A-11) (fee required)**

This form is required only if the applicant/licensee intends to conduct business from a location other than the

principal place of business. A separate form is required for each branch location. If the applicant/licensee intends to have branch offices, the Private Investigator Branch Office Registration Application form should be completed and submitted to the Bureau. It can be downloaded from the Bureau's website at <http://www.bsis.ca.gov>.

### **Fingerprint Cards are Rarely Acceptable**

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS:** Effective July 1, 2005, the Department of Justice, with rare exceptions, will only accept electronically submitted (Live Scan) fingerprints for criminal background checks related to employment, licensing, certification, etc.

Applicants who do not have reasonable access to Live Scan or have a justifiable reason to submit their fingerprints on a fingerprint card may apply for an exemption. Submit a "Request for Exemption from Mandatory Electronic Fingerprint Submission Requirement" form with the application and fingerprint card. This form is available at <http://ag.ca.gov/publications/bcii9004.pdf>.

To ensure timely processing of applications, as of June 1, 2005, the Bureau will accept fingerprint cards from California applicants only if they qualify for the exemption mentioned above.

**NON-RESIDENTS:** Out-of-state applicants will be deemed to lack reasonable access to Live Scan. Accordingly, hard fingerprint cards for such individuals will not be subject to the limitations described above.

### **Live Scan Sites and Forms**

Live Scan is a system for the electronic submission of fingerprints and the subsequent automated background checks and responses. Simply go to the nearest Live Scan station to submit fingerprints to the DOJ and FBI. Pay the Live Scan Operator the \$32.00 DOJ fingerprint processing fee and the \$17.00 FBI fingerprint processing fee. Additional rolling fees may apply. Visit the Bureau's Web site at <http://www.bsis.ca.gov> for the link to the Live Scan sites and/or Live Scan form.

**Disclaimer:** Please request the Live Scan operator to include your social security number when keying your information in order to aid the Bureau in processing your application.

### **REQUIRED FOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

#### **Corporate Applicants Only**

If a corporate application is filed and Articles of Incorporation or the Statement and Designation as a Foreign Corporation are already filed with the California Secretary of State, a copy of the **endorsed** articles should accompany the application. Endorsed Articles of Incorporation or the Statement and Designation as a Foreign Corporation are required before a corporate license is issued.

### **QUALIFIED MANAGER EXAMINATION**

Examinations are designed to determine proficiency of the applicant to engage in the business of a Qualified Manager for a Private Investigator Company.

In order to be considered for examination, the Bureau must receive the completed application and appropriate fee(s).

After an application is approved, an applicant's name and address will be sent to Psychological Services Industry (PSI). PSI will mail the applicant a candidate handbook and study materials. Upon receipt of this information the applicant may call the phone number provided in the handbook and schedule the date, time and location for an examination.

**Disclaimer:** Successfully passing the Private Investigator Company examination does not guarantee an applicant will be issued a Private Investigator Company license from this Bureau.

Examinees requiring special testing arrangements due to a physical or mental impairment must submit a request to the Bureau for such arrangements. This request must be in writing and include supporting documentation from a physician or other qualified professional.

### **RE-EXAMINATION**

If an applicant did not pass the Private Investigator exam, or is unable to attend the scheduled exam date, the applicant may apply to sit for the exam at a later date by submitting a written request or an application for re-examination (form is attached to the results notice) and the appropriate fee. The applicant will receive the candidate handbook and study materials from PSI. Once this information is received the applicant may schedule an appointment with PSI to take the exam.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Private Investigator – Insurance Requirement**

All Private Investigators who carry a firearm or provide armed bodyguard services incidental to an investigation must maintain an insurance policy which provides minimum limits of insurance of \$500,000 for any one loss due to bodily injury or death and \$500,000 for any one loss due to injury or destruction of property. After issuance of a license, the policy must be available for review upon request by the Bureau.

### **ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATIONS**

If an applicant does not complete the license application process within one year after filing the application with the Bureau, or does not pass the examination within a one-year period of becoming eligible, the application will be considered abandoned. The date the application will be considered abandoned is included in the applicant's examination scheduling letter. Once an application is considered abandoned, the applicant will be required to submit a new Live Scan form, a new application, and appropriate fees.

### **FINAL STEPS IN THE LICENSING PROCESS**

When all requirements are met for licensing, including the requirements for the qualified manager, the applicant will be notified to send the following items:

- License fee, if not already paid (see Private Investigator Company Schedule of Fees).
- Any additional information needed to complete the application.
- **For applicants who applied as a corporation:** Articles of Incorporation or Statement and Designation as a Foreign Corporation from the California Secretary of State, if not already submitted.

### **LICENSE RENEWAL**

After a license is issued; it is subject to renewal as prescribed by law. The expiration date is shown on the licensee's license. If the licensee does not renew the license on time, delinquent penalties and reinstatement timeframes apply as prescribed by law. The Bureau will send an application for renewal before the license expiration date; however, it is the licensee's responsibility to renew his or her Private Investigator Company license on time.

Applicants looking to renew their additional fictitious business name (AKA) license should submit a written request to the Bureau, along with a \$10.00 processing fee for the issuance of each replacement wall license, and an additional \$10.00 processing fee for the issuance of each replacement pocket license.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions regarding the Private Investigator Company licensing process or about completion of your application you may contact the Bureau at:

Bureau of Security and Investigative Services  
P.O. Box 989002  
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9002  
(800) 952-5210  
(916) 322-4000

**Although every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of this information packet, it does not have the force and effect of law, rule or regulation. Should any difference or error occur, the law will take precedence.**

# PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR QUALIFIED MANAGER APPLICATION FORMS CHECKLIST

This form is for your use only. Please do not submit it to the Bureau with your application. Your application package must include each form listed below, along with the correct fees.

## **APPLICATION AND FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Check off each form that you have completed. If there is a fee requirement, find the amount on the Private Investigator Schedule of Fees and write it on the checklist. When all forms are checked off, submit your application package and appropriate fees to the Bureau. Make checks payable to the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

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### PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

If you do not have a qualified manager who already has a current qualification certificate, you must also send the forms listed for the qualified manager. If you are applying only to become certified as a Private Investigator qualified manager, do not complete these forms – see forms list for qualified manager.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Application for License (Form 31B-4)  | Application Processing Fee/<br>Examination Fee: <u>\$ 50.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal Identification Form (Form 31B-9)<br>One form and two passport quality photographs, taken within the<br>past year, for <u>each</u> owner, partner, corporate officer and manager.                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Second copy of the Live Scan form signed by the Live Scan<br>operator, for <u>each</u> owner, partner, corporate officer and qualified<br>manager.  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Request for Authorization of Business Name (Form 31B-12)  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Corporation Applicants Only:</b> endorsed Articles of Incorporation<br>or the Statement and Designation by a Foreign Corporation <i>if</i><br><i>already filed</i> with the California Secretary of State. |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Partnership Applicants Only:</b> include your Federal Employee<br>Identification Number (FEIN) on page 8 of your application packet.   |   |

### QUALIFIED MANAGER ONLY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal Identification Form (Form 31B-9)<br>One form and two passport quality photographs, taken within the<br>past year, for <u>each</u> owner, partner, corporate officer and manager. | License Fee (Fee payable after you<br>have passed the exam): <u>\$ 175.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Second copy of the Live Scan form signed by the Live Scan<br>operator.  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Qualifying Experience (Form 31B-8)<br>One form from each person who is certifying the required work<br>experience.  |   |



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**PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR  
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE**

If you are a Veteran of the United States military, please check here. ☐

This information is requested pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 7525.1 and will be used to determine eligibility for licensure. All information is necessary and if not provided, the application may be rejected. You must submit the licensing fee(s) with your application package. Failure to do so may delay the processing of your application. **Please note that the application processing fee/examination fee and/or license fees are non-refundable.**

If the qualified manager has already passed the Bureau examination and is still eligible to be a qualified manager, you may submit the licensing fee and the application fee with this application.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

1. Proposed Business Name

2. Business Address – Number and Street City State Zip Code

3. Qualified Manager's Full Name

4. Qualified Manager License Number (if licensed)

5. Telephone – Business

Residence

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6. Type of Business Organization

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Individual

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Partnership

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Corporation

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Social Security No. (Individual Ownership Only)

FEIN (Partnership Ownership Only)

Corporate Number (Corporation Only)

List the name of each owner, partner, or corporate officer of the business and identify their position. For corporations list chief executive officer, secretary, chief financial officer, and any other corporate officer who will be active in the business. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet.

Name – Last	First	Middle	Position	Telephone
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Each person listed in items 3 and 6 must complete and submit a Private Investigator Personal Identification Form (Form 31B-9), even though the person may have previously submitted this information in connection with another license.

7. Are you a Veteran of the United States military? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, were you honorably discharged? ☐ YES ☐ NO

**Please include a copy of your DD-214 form as proof of your qualifying experience.**

I/We declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that all information contained on this Application for License and any accompanying documents is true and correct, with full knowledge that all statements made in this form are subject to investigation and that ANY FALSE OR DISHONEST ANSWER TO ANY QUESTION MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR SUBSEQUENT REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

Signature Date

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SIGNATURES REQUIRED: Individuals whose names appear in item 3 and 6. Per California Civil Code, section 1798 (Information Practices Act), the chief of the Bureau is responsible for maintaining the information in this application. This information may be transferred to other governmental and enforcement agencies. Individuals have the right to review the records maintained on them by the agencies, unless the records are exempt by California Civil Code section 1798.40.

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**PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR  
QUALIFIED MANAGER PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION FORM**

Each person listed on the Private Investigator Application for License (Form 31B-4) as an owner, partner, corporate officer, and qualified manager of the business must complete and submit this form. This form is also to be completed for any change in corporate officer or qualified manager after the license is issued. A corporate officer includes the chief executive officer, secretary, chief financial officer and any other officer who will be active in the business.

This form must be accompanied by a Live Scan form signed by the Live Scan operator, and two passport quality photographs, taken within the past year.

Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. California Business and Professions Code section 30 Public Law 94-455 [42 USCA 405(c)(2)(C)] authorizes collection of your social security number. Your social security number will be used exclusively for tax enforcement purposes, for purposes of compliance with any judgment or order for family support in accordance with Family Code section 17520, or for verification of licensure or examination status by a licensing or examination entity which utilizes a national examination and where licensure is reciprocal with the requesting state. If you fail to disclose your social security number, you will be reported to the Franchise Tax Board, which may assess a \$100 penalty against you.

This information is requested pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 480, 7525, 7521.1 and Labor Code section 432.7 and will be used to determine eligibility for licensure. All information is necessary, and if not provided, the application may be rejected.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

1. This application is for a: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Investigator Company <input type="checkbox"/> Private Investigator Qualified Manager		2. A change in an existing license: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Qualified Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		3. Name of Qualified Manager (Please Print) _____	
4. Business Name				5. License Number (if licensed)	
6. Full Name Last		First		Middle	
7. Social Security Number (Mandatory)					
8. Residence Address – Number and Street		City		State Zip Code	
9. Telephone Number Residence ( ) Business ( )		10. E-mail Address		11. Date of Birth (Mo/Day/Yr)	
12. YOUR POSITION WITH BUSINESS: (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> QUALIFIED MANAGER <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNER <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICER OFFICE HELD _____					
13. Have you ever applied for or received a license or registration from the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards, Bureau of Private Investigators and Adjusters, the Collection Agency Licensing Bureau, the Bureau of Collection and Investigative Services, or the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services?				YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
				NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Have you or any partnership or corporation of which you were a member or officer had any license denied, suspended or revoked by any state, territory, or governmental agency?				YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
				NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Have you ever been convicted of any crime, or entered a plea of nolo contendere? This includes all offenses, misdemeanors, and felonies in any state, federal jurisdiction, and foreign country, including convictions entered after a plea of nolo contendere (no contest). Convictions dismissed under Penal Code section 1203.4 MUST also be disclosed. However, you need not disclose crimes excluded by the provisions of Penal Code section 19.8.				YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
				NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Have you ever used a name other than your present legal name?				YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
				NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

IMPORTANT: If you answered "YES" to any of the preceding questions, attach a supplementary statement giving a complete and detailed explanation, including dates, names used, license numbers, reasons, convictions, etc.

17. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: List most recent experience first. Qualified managers must list three years of qualifying experience and attach their completed Qualifying Experience forms for any experience used to qualify for the license examination. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet.

NAME OF EMPLOYER		TELEPHONE NUMBER (      )	
ADDRESS:	NUMBER STREET	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
YOUR POSITION TITLE		SUPERVISOR'S NAME	
DATES EMPLOYED (Month/Day/Year) From: To:		TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED	
NAME OF EMPLOYER		TELEPHONE NUMBER (      )	
ADDRESS:	NUMBER STREET	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
YOUR POSITION TITLE		SUPERVISOR'S NAME	
DATES EMPLOYED (Month/Day/Year) From: To:		TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED	
NAME OF EMPLOYER		TELEPHONE NUMBER (      )	
ADDRESS:	NUMBER STREET	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
YOUR POSITION TITLE		SUPERVISOR'S NAME	
DATES EMPLOYED (Month/Day/Year) From: To:		TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED	

18. List your residence addresses for the past five years. Give the most recent first, using additional sheet if necessary.

NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	FROM	TO

**ATTENTION – READ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THIS FORM**

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that all information contained on this Personal Identification Form and any accompanying documents is true and correct, with full knowledge that all statements made in this application are subject to investigation and that any false or dishonest answer to any question may be grounds for denial or subsequent revocation of license.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Per California Civil Code section 1798.17 (Information Practices Act), the chief of the Bureau is responsible for maintaining the information in this application. This information may be transferred to other governmental and enforcement agencies. Individuals have the right to review the records maintained on them by the agencies, unless the records are exempt by California Civil Code section 1798.40.

**Attach two passport  
quality photographs, taken  
within the past year**

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## PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF BUSINESS NAME

Any name under which you intend to do business, including your own name, must be submitted to the Bureau for approval pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 7532. A Request for Authorization of Business Name form will not be accepted prior to application for license. Business may not be conducted under a fictitious or other business name unless written authorization is received from the Bureau. Any advertisement must contain the **exact** business name as approved by the Bureau. The use of a fictitious business name is subject to the provisions of California Business and Professions Code Chapter 5 (commencing with section 17900) of Part 3 of Division 7. This Chapter defines fictitious name and contains provisions regarding use and requirement for filing a statement with the local county clerk.

**Private Investigator:** Business and Professions Code section 7532 states in part:

The Bureau shall not authorize the use of a fictitious or other business name which is so similar to that of a public officer or agency or of that used by another licensee that the public may be confused or misled thereby.

\* The Bureau must maintain a physical address of record on file at all times. If mail delivery to the physical location of the business is not possible, please list a mailing address in addition to the physical business address. If you are operating out of your residence and wish to keep your physical address confidential from public record, please submit a written request and attach it with this form.

1. Name of Qualified Manager

2. \*Physical Business Address – Number and Street City State Zip Code

3. \*Mailing Address (If applicable) City State Zip Code

4. Telephone Number Residence ( ) Business ( )

5. List proposed business names in the order of preference. At least three choices should be provided if a fictitious name is requested; however, five choices are preferable. If the first name listed is approved, additional names will not be considered. Other criteria for name approval:

- If initials are to be used as part of the name, you must explain what they stand for.
- The use of the following words will not be approved for an individual or partnership license: Corporation, Corp., Incorporated, Inc.
- The following words or initials will not be approved as part of a fictitious or business name: U.S., United States, Federal, State, Bureau, Police, Task Force, Community, County.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Department Use Only	
Approved	Disapproved

6. CERTIFICATION:

If type of license is individual, the owner must sign.

If type of license is a partnership, all partners must sign.

If type of license is a corporation, a responsible corporate officer must sign.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR QUALIFIED MANAGER QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE**

**(Not required by Private Investigator applicants who currently have a licensed Qualified Manager)**

The information on this form is used to determine experience qualifications of applicants for licensure and is requested pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 7541. One form must be completed by each person (declarant) who is certifying the applicant's experience. **The declarant section of the form must be completed by someone other than the applicant who has knowledge of the work experience claimed by the applicant. Use a separate form for each employer.**

### **THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT**

1. NAME OF APPLICANT				
2. RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: NUMBER AND STREET		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
3. APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER				
Residence ( )		Business ( )		
4. NAME OF EMPLOYER FROM WHOM APPLICANT ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE			5. NAME OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR	
6. ADDRESS OF ABOVE EMPLOYER: STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE			7. EMPLOYER'S BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER ( )	

### **THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DECLARANT**

The declarant is the person who certifies or attests to the applicant's experience. The information given is important to the applicant since it may help that person qualify for a Private Investigator license. It is also important to the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (Bureau) which uses it to determine if the applicant meets the experience requirements.

Please complete this form and return it to the applicant. Incomplete or inaccurate forms may be returned and/or may prevent or delay the applicant from qualifying for licensure. A Bureau representative may contact you by telephone or mail to verify statements or to get additional information regarding the applicant's experience qualifications. One year of experience is considered to be a minimum of 2,000 hours of compensated time for the specific license filed.

The applicant may have several declarants; you may be certifying only part of the experience required. The total time required to obtain a Private Investigator license is 6,000 hours of experience in this state within the last five years.

8. NAME OF DECLARANT				
9. ADDRESS OF DECLARANT: NUMBER AND STREET		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
10. DECLARANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER		11. DECLARANT'S LICENSE NUMBER IF LICENSED WITH THIS BUREAU		
Residence ( )		Business ( )		
12. NAME OF DECLARANT'S EMPLOYER				
13. ADDRESS OF DECLARANT'S EMPLOYER: NUMBER AND STREET		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

[illegible]

The undersigned hereby declares under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that all statements contained herein are true and correct.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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**INFORMATION COLLECTION, ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE**

The information you provide on this application is maintained by the Chief of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, Department of Consumer Affairs, 2420 Del Paso Road., Suite 270, Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 322-4000. The information is requested pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 7512 – 7573, and California Labor Code section 432.7; and/or Title 16, California Code of Regulation section 606.

It is mandatory that you provide all information requested. Omission of any item of required information will result in the application being rejected as incomplete.

Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. California Business and Professions Code section 30 and Public Law 94-455[42 USCA §405(c)(2)(C)] authorize collection of your social security number. Your social security number will be used exclusively for tax enforcement purposes, for purposes of compliance with any judgment or order for family support in accordance with Family Code section 17520, or for verification of licensure or examination status by a licensing or examination entity which uses a national examination and where licensure is reciprocal with the requesting state. If you fail to disclose your social security number, you will be reported to the Franchise Tax Board, which may assess a \$100.00 penalty against you.

Your completed application becomes the property of the Bureau and will be used by authorized personnel to determine your eligibility for a license, registration or permit. Information on your application may be transferred to other governmental or law enforcement agencies. Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code section 6250 et seq.) and the Information Practices Act (Civil Code section 1798.61), the names and addresses of persons possessing a license or registration may be disclosed by the department unless otherwise specifically exempt from disclosure under the law. **Consequently, the personal name and address information entered on the attached form(s) may become public information subject to disclosure.**

You have the right to review the records maintained on you by the Bureau or department unless the records are exempt by California Civil Code section 1798.40. You may gain access to the information by contacting the Bureau at the above address.

The Unruh Civil Rights Act and other state laws contain prohibitions against gender-based pricing practices. Prices must be based on factors such as the difficulty of treatment or service, and not on the gender of the customer. Violators of these laws may be required to pay damages of a minimum of \$1,000.00 for each violation as specified in California Civil Code section 52. [Statutes 1994, chapter 535 (SB 1288)].

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**PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR COMPANY AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR  
QUALIFIED MANAGER SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Fingerprint processing fees are set by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

**APPLICATION AND FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

<b><u>PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR</u></b>	
Application Processing/Examination Fee	\$50
DOJ Fingerprint Processing Fee (\$32.00 paid at Live Scan site)	
FBI Fingerprint Processing Fee (\$17.00 paid at Live Scan site)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50</b>
License Fee (Fee payable after you have passed exam)	\$175
Renewal Fee (Fee payable every two years)	\$125
Re-examination Fee	\$15
Additional Delinquent (postmarked after expiration date) or Reinstatement Fee	\$62.50
Initial Additional Fictitious Business Name (AKA) License	\$25
Additional Fictitious Business Name (AKA) Wall Replacement License	\$10
Additional Fictitious Business Name (AKA) Pocket Replacement License	\$10
<b><u>PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR BRANCH OFFICE</u></b>	
Application Fee	\$30
Renewal Fee	\$30